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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 KEVIN VOLKMANN, *et al.*,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 SOLID GROUND WASHINGTON, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.
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Case No. C18-1114RSL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

15 This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. On July 30, 2018, plaintiff filed a
16 complaint, Dkt. # 1, and motion for a temporary restraining order, Dkt. # 4, invoking a litany of
17 disputes with his apartment building, neighbors, truckers in Magnuson Park, and various
18 employees of North Seattle College.

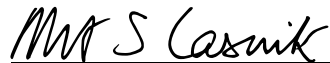
19 The party seeking a federal venue has the burden of establishing this Court's subject-
20 matter jurisdiction, In re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litig., 546 F.3d
21 981, 984 (9th Cir. 2008), and the Court may *sua sponte* consider the issue of subject-matter
22 jurisdiction at any time during the proceeding, Scholastic Entm't, Inc. v. Fox Entm't Group,
23 Inc., 336 F.3d 982, 985 (9th Cir. 2003); Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(h)(3).

24 As the Court noted in its denial of plaintiff's motion for a temporary restraining order,
25 plaintiff's *pro se* complaint seeks more than \$10 million in damages based on a litany of claims
26 that include assaults in the downtown YMCA locker room, Dkt. # 1-1 at 6, stalkers and loiterers
27 outside his apartment building, id., pimping of juveniles at the building, id. at 9, truckers and
28 loitering old men in Magnuson Park, id. at 10, disagreements with his college instructors, id. at

1 12, hacking of his email account, id. at 16, and wrongful eviction, id. at 25. Most of the reasons
2 he is aggrieved appear to stem from disputes with his apartment building management, which
3 are traditionally matters of state law or municipal ordinance.¹ Plaintiff mentions the First
4 Amendment, but it is not at all apparent from any of his filings what basis in federal law justifies
5 relief from this Court. His filings are not sufficient to invoke the Court's jurisdiction.

6 For these reasons, plaintiff is ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE on or before Friday,
7 August 17, 2018, why the Court should not dismiss this action for lack of subject-matter
8 jurisdiction. The Clerk of Court is directed to note this Order to Show Cause on the Court's
9 calendar for Friday, August 17, 2018.

10 DATED this 31st day of July, 2018.

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14 Robert S. Lasnik
15 United States District Judge
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25 ¹ For example, the City of Seattle's Just Cause Eviction Ordinance, which appears in
26 Section 22.206.160 of the Seattle Municipal Code, explains that owners cannot take certain actions
27 against tenants. See also *Evictions*, Seattle.gov, [http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/commonquestions/evictions)
28 [commonquestions/evictions](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/commonquestions/evictions) (last visited Jul. 31, 2018) (providing resources for Seattleites with
questions about eviction). Owners also have certain duties and obligations under parts of the
Washington Landlord-Tenant Act that appear in Chapter 59.12 of the Revised Code of Washington.